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In re:

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Honorable Sir:

LETTER

In response to the January 31, 2005, Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims:

1. (Canceled) A gasket for fitting in space between mating surfaces of a center support member and a hub member in an automotive transmission comprising:

a) A gasket body means for seating in a nestable portion of said center support members and having a first plurality of openings in registration with a second plurality of openings in said center support member;

b) a polymer patch means integral with a portion of said gasket body means and in general alignment with at least one opening of said second plurality of openings, said polymer patch means and said gasket body means having a channel aperture passing therethrough, said channel aperture

having a first end and a second end, said first end being in registration with said at least one opening;
and

c) said first end defining a first seal means and said second end defining a second seal means, said first seal means for providing a leak proof seal between said at least one opening and said first end of said channel aperture.

2. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 1, wherein said polymer patch means is a silicone patch.

3. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 1 wherein said hub member includes a third plurality of openings in registration with said second plurality of openings and one opening of said plurality of openings is in registration with said second end of said channel aperture.

4. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 3 wherein said second seal means provides a leak proof seal between said one opening of said third plurality of openings and said second end of said channel aperture.

5. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 1 wherein said gasket body means has a thickness of about .0085 inches.

6. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 5 wherein said polymer patch means in from .004 inches to .008 inches in thickness.

7. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 6 wherein said polymer patch means is a silicone path.

8. (Canceled). A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 1 wherein said gasket body means is fabricated from Armstrong NV519 gasket material.

9. (Canceled) A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces as in claim 8 wherein said

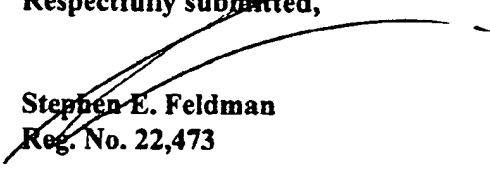
polymer patch means is a silicone patch.

10. (Canceled) A gasket for filing space between mating surfaces is in claim 8 wherein said Armstrong NV519 gasket material has a thickness of about .0085 inches.

REMARKS

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